

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COLUMBIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ) CRIMINAL NO. 3:14-cr-00167-JFA  
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v.                                  )  
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CHANDRA PADGETT            )

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE AS TO  
CHANDRA PADGETT

This matter is before the court on the motion of the United States for a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Defendant Chandra Padgett (“Padgett”, “Defendant”), based upon the following:

1. On March 19, 2014, an Information was filed charging Padgett with wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, and attempt to evade income taxes, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201.

2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(a), the Information contained a forfeiture allegation providing that upon Padgett’s conviction, certain properties enumerated therein, or equivalent substitute assets, would be subject to forfeiture to the United States. As specified therein, such assets include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Proceeds/ Money Judgment:

A sum of money equal to all proceeds the Defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from the offenses charged in Count 1 of the Information, that is, a minimum of approximately \$1,941,456.00 in United States currency, and all interest and proceeds traceable thereto.

3. On June 6, 2014, Padgett pled guilty to the wire fraud charge.

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4. Based upon Defendant's conviction, the court has determined that the property described above is subject to forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

5. The court has determined that the government has established the requisite nexus between the money judgment and the offense for which Padgett has been convicted; therefore, the United States is entitled to a preliminary order of forfeiture, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853 governing third party rights.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**,

1. The below-described property, and all right, title, and interest of the Defendant, Chandra Padgett, in and to such property, is hereby forfeited to the United States of America, for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the rights of third parties in such property under 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

2. FORFEITURE IS ORDERED against Padgett and in favor of the United States in the amount of \$1,941,456.00, along with appropriate costs and interest thereon at the rate provided for in 28 U.S.C. § 1961. The United States may at any time move pursuant to Rule 32.2(e) to amend this Order to substitute property to satisfy the money judgment.

3. The United States may sell or otherwise dispose of any substitute assets in accordance with law as required to satisfy the above imposed money judgment.

4. Upon the entry of this Order, the United States Attorney is authorized to conduct proper discovery in identifying, locating, or disposing of the described property, or other substitute assets, in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3); and to

commence proceedings that comply with statutes governing third party rights, if applicable.

5. The government is not required to publish notice regarding the personal money judgment against Defendant; however, the Order shall be recorded in the records of the County Clerk's Office in the County of the debtor's residence, place of business, and any and all other counties in which the debtor has either real or personal property, as a lien thereon.

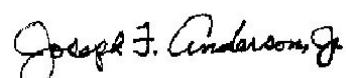
6. Upon entry of the criminal judgment, this Order becomes final as to Defendant, and shall be made a part of the sentence and included in the criminal judgment.

7. The court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

8. The Clerk, United States District Court, shall provide one (1) certified copy of this Order to the United States Attorney's Office.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

August 1, 2014  
Columbia, South Carolina

  
Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.  
United States District Judge